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Update from the State Library on COVID-19 Coronavirus Guidance



We know that the Coronavirus situation is changing rapidly in our state and libraries are faced with difficult decisions on what actions to take to protect the community and slow the spread of the virus.

The State Library maintains that the decision to close the library remains a local one, and libraries should look for guidance from their city on whether to close and for what duration.

At a minimum, we recommend strongly considering cancelling, postponing, or rescheduling nonessential programming events; as well as removing toys from children's areas, making hand sanitizer readily available, and stepping up cleaning and sanitizing surfaces in the library.

If you or your city has decided to close the library, please take the following steps:

- Contact your [District Staff](#) to let them know.
- Notify the [Mobius Helpdesk](#) to suspend IA Shares deliveries (if needed).
- Set your SILO ILL account to suspend status and indicate a date to restart (if needed).
- Consider making wi-fi available 24/7 and accessible to those outside but near the building.

State Library staff will remain online and working, and most of us will be transitioning to a remote set-up this week. We are here to help and will remain available by phone and email; however face-to-face meetings with our consultants will be suspended indefinitely.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility in this ever-evolving situation.

[Contact Your District Staff](#)

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